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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HARRY A. ROSITZKE

CIG Member of SWNCC Subcommittee on

Special Studies and Evaluations

Subject: CIG Comment on proposed draft (SSE 1) of a study prepared by the SWNCC Subcommittee on Special Studies and Evaluations

Reference: a Your informal request for criticisms, additions and corrections to subject study dated 6 August 1947

- 1. The subject paper, as noted by the Chairman, is understood to represent a general study to determine the responsibilities and functions of a psychological warfare agency, and draws certain broad conclusions on which approval is desired before further study based on them is undertaken.
- 2. The broad aspects of this problem, both in the discussion and in the statement of conclusions, are concurred in to the extent to which they go. However, there is noted a failure to recognize the need for a coordinated intelligence support. In the "Facts Bearing on the Problem" in paragraph 9 on page 3, it is stated that "The Department of State, the Armed Forces and the Central Intelligence Group are at this time functionally organized to provide intelligence in support of preliminary pilot studies and planning." This statement suggests that the Subcommittee expects to draw upon the several intelligence agencies of the government direct, as deemed suitable, for the procurement of required intelligence without consideration to coordination.
- 3. It is considered of the utmost importance that the CIG member explain in detail to the Subcommittee at this stage the responsibilities of CIG in the production of national intelligence and for the coordination of the production of all government foreign intelligence. Frequent mention is made in the conclusions of the study to the "National Psychological Warfare Organization", thus emphasizing the wide scope of its operations.

A properly coordinated intelligence support for this organization can be provided only by the Central Intelligence Agency, and therefore recognition of this fact should be sought from the Subcommittee. Earlier studies produced by the Subcommittee have appeared to recognize the paramount position of the CIG in its intelligence support, but it is suggested that this recognition may have become confused with the Subcommittee's properly conceived plans to deal directly with the several departments in matters related to psychological warfare operations.

4. Furthermore, it is evident to CIG that certain nations are currently engaged in psychological warfare operations directed against the U. S. The damaging effect of such operations to our national security should not be depreciated. From our analysis, it appears that this threat can be met best by prompt countermeasures. CIG is prepared to give immediate and continuing intelligence support to the agency directing such operations. It is suggested that your study take note of this.

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